



Statement by EPA on New Incident at Limetree Bay

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EPA takes very seriously the reports from today and in recent weeks of children, families, and individuals becoming sickened by emissions around the Limetree Bay facility.

Working with the US VI government, EPA is committed to ensuring that the facility operates in compliance with the law without jeopardizing people's health and the environment. If EPA makes a determination that the facility's operations present an imminent risk to people's health, consistent with its legal authorities, it will take appropriate action to safeguard public safety.

To provide more immediate monitoring and to provide more information, EPA will be bringing monitoring equipment to St. Croix in the coming days, along with personnel to operate the monitors. In fact, a team of EPA experts arrived on April 30 and was joined by members of the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources to gather information about the recent incidents and to conduct a preliminary assessment of the situation. These experts are interacting with community members, answering people's questions, and gathering information as part of EPA's ongoing activities.

EPA is working to provide further information as soon as it is able.

For updates, please visit, <https://www.epa.gov/vi/limetree-bay-terminals-and-limetree-bay-refining-llc>

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